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NOT LONG AGO, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CHARGED INTO CHAOS CONTROL TO THWART DR. EGGMAN'S SCHEME TO USE THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. DURING THE BATTLE, AN EXPLOSION HURLED SONIC, HIS FRIENDS, DR. EGGMAN, AND THE CHAOS EMERALDS ACROSS DIMENSIONS UNTIL THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE CITY OF STATION SQUARE ON A PARALLEL PLANET EARTH.

NOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS PROTECT STATION SQUARE FROM DR. EGGMAN'S DIABOLICAL PLOTS...

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IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE OF STATION SQUARE, THE ROAR OF A CAR'S ENGINE AND THE CHEERING OF A CROWD BREAK THE USUAL SILENCE AS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND SAM SPEED HAVE YET ANOTHER RACE TO DETERMINE WHO'S FASTER.

VROOOOM

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC MIGHT ACTUALLY LOSE TO SAM!

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GO, SONIC, GO! THIS IS *NO* TIME FOR RELAXATION!

OH, CREAM, WHAT IF SONIC LOSES?

DON'T WORRY, AMY. SONIC *NEVER* LOSES A RACE.

INCREDIBLE! PERHAPS SONIC HAS MET HIS MATCH.

CHAO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE UNCLE SAM IS *WINNING.*

NOTHING CAN OUTRACE THE *NEW ENGINE* WE PUT IN SAM'S CAR, CHRIS.

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!!!

WHY DON'T YOU THROW SONIC A *RING,* TAILS?

THAT WOULD BE *CHEATING,* AMY. SONIC WOULDN'T WANT TO CHEAT.

BOY, I SURE WISH I HAD A *RING* RIGHT NOW...

...BUT AMY WOULD BE UPSET WITH ME IF I CHEATED.

THERE'S THE FINISH LINE!

I'M ACTUALLY *GOING TO BEAT SONIC* THIS TIME!

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

I'LL BE THE *FASTEST MAN IN STATION SQUARE* ONCE AGAIN!

NOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO!

I'D BETTER *POUR ON THE SPEED!*

SONIC TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND PUSHES HIMSELF HARDER THAN HE EVER HAS BEFORE...

THE WINNER IS...

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

YES!

VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

I KNEW HE COULD DO IT!

AH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH!

HE DID IT, CREAM! SONIC WON THE RACE!

YAY, SONIC!

HURRAY! HURRAY!

CHAO! CHAO!

THAT WAS AMAZING, SONIC!

I'VE *NEVER* SEEN YOU RUN SO FAST!

AW, IT WAS *NOTHIN'*.

YOU'RE THE *BEST*, SONIC.

UH... THANKS, AMY.

THAT WAS YOUR *BEST TIME EVER*, SAM!

IT *WASN'T* GOOD ENOUGH, PAUL.

YOU'RE STILL THE *FASTEST HUMAN* ON THE STREETS OF STATION QUARE, SAM.

BUT I LOST TO A *HEDGEHOG-- AGAIN!*

AW, NOBODY'S PERFECT.

EXCEPT YOU, SONIC.

COME ON EVERYBODY. WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE HOUSE. ELLA SAID SHE'D MAKE A SPECIAL DINNER FOR THE WINNER.

'KAY, GRANDPA.

I'M TIRED OF PLAYING *SECOND FIDDLE* TO SONIC!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE GARAGE TO BUILD A *BETTER, FASTER* ENGINE FOR MY CAR!

THEN *I'LL* BE THE FASTEST HUMAN *OR* HEDGEHOG IN TOWN!

MEANWHILE, ON THE ISLAND OFF STATION SQUARE'S EMERALD COAST, DR. EGGMAN'S FORTRESS CASTS A FORBIDDING SHADOW OVER THE FOREST.

INSIDE, THE HALLS REVERBERATE WITH AN ENRAGED SHOUT.

IT'S NOT FAIR!

HERE I AM, THE *GREATEST GENIUS* ON THIS PUNY, BACKWARDS PLANET...

...AND NO ONE WILL GIVE ME THE COMPONENTS I NEED TO BUILD MY *WORLD-CONQUERING* ROBOTS.

WHY NOT, DR. EGGMAN?

YOU DON'T SUPPOSE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE *WORLD-CONQUERING* THING, DO YOU?

BAH! STUPID HUMANS! THEY EXPECT ME TO *PAY* FOR THE PARTS!

ME! *PAY?!*

IT'S JUST *NOT RIGHT!* THEY SHOULD JUST GIVE ME WHAT I NEED AS A THANK YOU FOR NOT CRUSHING THEM BENEATH THE HEELS OF MY NEXT ALL-POWERFUL ROBOT!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SIR?

I HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET...

THEY EXCHANGE *LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER* FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

"THEY CALL THE LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER *'MONEY.'*"

"WHY THEY PRETEND THESE LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER HAVE *ANY INTRINSIC VALUE* IS BEYOND ME."

IT MUST BE A *MASS HALLUCINATION* OF SOME KIND.

WITH MY GREAT INTELLECT, I HAVE DETERMINED *WE MUST GET SOME OF THOSE PIECES OF PAPER* FOR OURSELVES.

HOW DO WE DO THAT, SIR?

THAT'S THE *BEST*, AND MOST *PUZZLING*, PART OF IT.

HUMANS SIMPLY WALK UP TO MACHINES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND TAKE MONEY OUT...

...AND *NO ONE TRIES TO STOP THEM!*

THEN *WE* SHOULD TAKE MONEY OUT OF A MACHINE AND TRADE IT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES.

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO...

THAT AFTERNOON, OUTSIDE OF THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC.

ATM

SO, HOW DO WE GET THE MONEY OUT, DECOE?

I DO NOT KNOW, SOCOE. PERHAPS WE SHOULD *JUST ASK.*

WE NEED MONEY. PLEASE GIVE US SOME.

IT'S NOT DOING ANYTHING.

HERE COMES SOMEONE. LET'S WATCH WHAT SHE DOES.

TOP O' TH' MORNIN' T' YE, MISS MARY.

THANKS, OFFICER ALBRIGHT. IS THAT A NEW ACCENT?

AYE, THAT I BE. I'M STARRIN' IN A PRODUCTION OF *"DEATH OF A SALESMAN"* THAT BE OPENIN' NEXT WEEK.

THAT'S THE SECRET! *SHE PRESSED THE BUTTONS.*

BRILLIANT! WE MUST PRESS THE BUTTONS!

IT'S STILL *NOT GIVING US ANY MONEY.* WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I SAY WE *BREAK IT OPEN* AND TAKE THE LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER OUT.

WORKS FOR ME.

HAVIN' A SPOT OF BOTHER, ARE YE?

PERHAPS YE'D LIKE T' COME DOWN T' THE STATION AN' EXPLAIN YERSELVES?

EEP!

LATER, AT THE SPRAWLING THORNDYKE ESTATE, LUXURIOUS HOME OF CHRIS AND HIS GRANDFATHER.

IT'S ALSO THE HOME OF CHRIS'S PARENTS, LINDSAY AND NELSON, BUT THEY'RE RARELY EVER THERE BECAUSE THEIR JOBS TAKE THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

UNTIL SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARRIVED ON EARTH, CHRIS'S ONLY COMPANIONS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL WERE HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK, THE MAID ELLA, AND THE BUTLER MR. TANAKA.

MASTER CHRIS! THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE HOME!

YOU MUST GO INSIDE THE HOUSE RIGHT AWAY!

WHY?! WHAT'S WRONG?!

AND INSIDE THE HOUSE, A HAPPY REUNION...

MOM! DAD!

YOU'RE HOME!

WHILE ELSEWHERE, A MUCH LESS HAPPY REUNION...

YOU MALFUNCTIONING NINCOMPOOPS HAVE FAILED AGAIN!

SORRY, SIR.

FORTUNATELY, I LEARNED SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING WHILE YOU WERE BUNGLING YOUR MISSION...

THIS CITY HAS DOZENS OF BUILDINGS DEDICATED TO STORING MONEY IN THE FORM OF "COLD, HARD CASH!"

THEY ARE CALLED BANKS!

OOOOOOOOOO.

AND TOMORROW, WE SHALL VISIT ONE SUCH BANK AND REMOVE ALL ITS MONEY.

A CUNNING PLAN, SIR!

BUT WHY DON'T WE GO TONIGHT?

FOOL! YOU KNOW TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT I WAX MY MOUSTACHE!

I HAVE SELECTED THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC., ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN WHERE THE RICH *THORNDYKE* FAMILY KEEPS THEIR MONEY...

...BUT WHICH OF MY ROBOTS SHALL MAKE THE WITHDRAWAL?

K-CHUNK

WHIRRRRRRRR

BEN-728--
PACKRATBOT!
THE PERFECT THIEF!

BEN, THE TWO OF US NEED FEAR NO MORE. WE'LL SOON STEAL THE CASH THAT I AM LOOKING FOR!

THE NEXT MORNING...

SINCE YOU HAVE THIS WEEK OFF FROM SCHOOL, YOUR FATHER AND I DEC.DED TO COME HOME AND SPEND SOME T.ME WITH YOU.

SHOULD WE GO TO OUR VILLA ON THE BEACH FOR THE DAY?

CAN MY FRIENDS COME TOO?

OF COURSE, DEAR.

YAAAAY!

CHAO!

BEFORE WE GO TO EMERALD COAST, WE HAVE TO STOP AT THE BANK.

'KAY!

AREN'T *YOU* COMING, SONIC?

NAH. THE BANK AND THE BEACH SOUND *BORING* TO ME.

I'M GOING TO GO FIND SOME *REAL* EXCITEMENT.

LATER, AT THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF STATION SQUARE, INC..

I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SO BUSY THIS MORNING...

ONLY SEVEN HOURS AND FORTY-SEVEN MINUTES UNTIL QUITTING TIME...

COMIC BOOK WRITER? I CAN'T GIVE YOU A LOAN UNLESS YOU HAVE A REAL JOB.

I WISH SONIC WAS HERE.

LINES LIKE THESE ARE WHY I ALWAYS USE ATMS, DEAR.

YOU KNOW HE DOESN'T [redacted] HE HATES TO GO TO THE BEACH

HUH?

YIKES!

HEY!

EVERYBODY! RUN FOR COVER!

KRRRASSHHH!

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND, BUT I REALLY *HATE* WAITING IN LINE!

SO, IF YOU'LL JUST *GIVE ME ALL YOUR MONEY*, I'LL BE ON MY WAY!

I'M DEFINITELY *NOT GETTING PAID ENOUGH* TO DEAL WITH *THIS!*

UNAWARE OF DR. EGGMAN'S ATTACK, SONIC VISITS ANGEL ISLAND WHICH FLOATS OVER THE SAPPHIRE SEA.

KNUCKLES! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

WHY? WHAT DO YOU WANT, SONIC?

LET'S GO FOR A RUN!

I HAVE MORE *IMPORTANT* THINGS TO DO.

I MUST STAY HERE TO GUARD THE *MASTER EMERALD*.

IT'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

WOULDN'T IT BE MORE FUN TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE?

SORRY, SONIC, BUT I CANNOT LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I HAVE *SWORN AN OATH* TO PROTECT THE MASTER EMERALD, AND I DO NOT GO BACK ON MY WORD *UNLESS THERE IS GOOD*

THERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES FOR ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY!

YOU DIRTY RAT!

DIVE [illegible] CHRIS!

AAAAAA!

CHAO!

LOOK OUT, MR. TANAKA!

OOOOOF!

COME, BEN! THE MONEY WE SEEK IS *BEHIND THIS DOOR!*

[redacted] GOT TO [redacted] SOMETHING!

I WISH SONIC WAS HERE.

WELL, HE'S *NOT*, SO IT'S UP TO *US*.

[redacted] BEN--LAUNCH REAR MISSILES!

HEY, RATFACE! *EAT MALLET!*

ONE SWIFT BLOW AND THE MISSILES ARE LAUNCHED...

...BUT NOT WHERE DR EGGMAN INTENDED!

BOOOOOOOOM

OH, FOOO!

IT'S GOING TO TAKE *MORE THAN A FREE TOASTER* TO MAKE ME HAPPY AFTER THAT!

CRUSH HER!

HEY!

DON'T WORRY, AMY! I'VE GOT YOU!

THUNK

REVENGE?

MONEY?

REVENGE?

MONEY?

REVENGE OR MONEY? IT'S SO HARD TO CHOOSE!

OH, WHY SHOULD I DENY MYSELF ANYTHING? REVENGE, *THEN* MONEY!

BEN, SMASH THOSE IRKSOME MEDDLERS!

I WONDER WHAT THE SIRENS ARE ABOUT...

...CALLING ALL CARS! ROBBERY IN PROGRESS!

WEEEOOOOOO-WEEEOOOOO

...CORNER OF PELLEK AND ENGLISH STREETS. DR EGGMAN BELIEVED INVOLVED!

WHY IS IT EVERY TIME I *LEAVE TOWN*, SOMETHING *EXCITING* HAPPENS?

I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN!

YOU'RE *NOT SO TOUGH* WHEN SONIC'S NOT HERE.

MY MALLET!

BUT I *AM* HERE, EGGMAN!

AND I'M GOING TO RID THE TOWN OF YOUR VERMIN!

SONIC!

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET US DOWN!

ZIPPP

ZIPPP

ZIPPP

YOU GOTTA BE FASTER THAN THAT IF YOU'RE GONNA HIT ME!

ZIPPP

HEAD'S UP, YOU *LOUSY LOUSE!*

WHAM

OUCH!

SONIC! CATCH!

YIKES!

BOOM

OOPS!

IF ONLY I HAD MY MALLET!

OH NO!

AH HA!

PERFECT!

THIS IS JUST WHAT I NEED!

THANKS, BUDDY!

NOW IT'S TIME TO *END THIS RAT RACE* ONCE AND FOR ALL!

RATZN-FRATZN HEDGEHOG!

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

K-WHUNK

KTHUNK

POP
CRACKLE
SNAP

WHILE SONIC IS DISTRACTED, I'LL MAKE MY MOVE!

THESE RINGS MAY BE *MORE VALUABLE* THAN *ALL THE LITTLE SLIPS OF PAPER* IN THE VAULT!

?

THIS IS *NO WAY* TO GET *AHEAD IN THE WORLD*, LITTLE BUDDY!

KRACKZISS FIZZLE

YOUR ACCOUNT'S BEEN *CLOSED*, EGGMAN!

!

HISSSS POP

CONSIDERING THE *DISREPUTABLE CLIENTELE* OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT...

...I SHALL TAKE MY CUSTOM ELSEWHERE!

HAHAHA HAHAHA!

WEEEOOOOO-WEEEOOOOO

YOU MISSED ALL THE EXCITEMENT, UNCLE SAM. SONIC REALLY *SAVED THE DAY!*

FOR A *SPEED TEAM*, IT SURE TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO GET HERE.

SOMEDAY *I'LL* BE STATION SQUARE'S HERO AGAIN!

CHRIS'S SCHOOL VACATION IS OVER, AND LINDSAY AND NELSON THORNDYKE LEAVE STATION SQUARE TO GO BACK TO WORK.

A FEW DAYS LATER, CHRIS, CHUCK, AND SONIC RECEIVE A VERY IMPORTANT VISITOR.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR FOILING EGGMAN'S BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK, SONIC.

AWW, IT WAS NOTHIN', MR. PRESIDENT.

TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PROTECTED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

NOW I COME TO ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR ME.

YES, SIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

MEANWHILE...

DR. EGGMAN, WHAT WAS THAT DEVICE YOU HAD US HIDE IN THAT SUNKEN SHIP?

THE FIRST STEP IN MY PLAN TO RID MYSELF OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ONCE AND FOR ALL.

AND THESE RINGS I SNATCHED AT THE BANK WILL BE THE KEY TO SONIC'S ULTIMATE DEFEAT!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

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